

II. REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that claims 6 and 15 contain allowable subject matter (Office Action, dated July 25, 2006, at 19, lines 8-14).

Claims 3-6 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 10 and 16 have been amended and new claim 21 has been added. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter from claims 3-6; therefore, claim 1 now corresponds to original claim 6 rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite "a first bus operably connecting the operating system of the platform to the SD host board" as supported by Figure 1b and on page 13, lines 15-19, of the application as originally filed.

Independent claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 15.

Independent claim 16 has been amended to incorporate subject matter from original claims 10 and 15, and as supported on page 14, lines 7-25, and on page 15, lines 10, to page 16, line 1, of the specification as originally filed.

New independent claim 21 incorporates subject matter of original claims 1, 3, 4 and 6. New independent claim 21 also recites "a first bus operably connecting the operating system of the platform to the SD host board" as supported by Figure 1b and on page 13, lines 15-19, of the application as originally filed.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the above-captioned application.

A. Applicants' Arguments

In view of the present amendment, claims 1, 2, 7-14 and 16-21 are now in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Independent claim 1, as amended, corresponds to original claim 6 and is allowable for the reasons of record. Independent claim 10, as amended, now incorporates the allowable

subject matter of original claim 15 and is allowable for the reasons of record. Independent claim 16, as amended, now incorporates allowable subject matter from original claim 15. New claim 21 includes allowable subject matter from original claim 6, and is also allowable for the reasons of record.

The remaining claims all depend either directly, or indirectly, on either independent claim 1, independent claim 10 or independent claim 16, and are likewise allowable for the reasons of record.

III. CONCLUSION

Independent claims 1 and 21 include allowable subject matter from original claim 6, and independent claims 10 and 16 include allowable subject matter from original claim 15. Therefore, independent claims 1, 10, 16 and 21 and all of the remaining dependent claims are allowable for the reasons of record.

For all of the above reasons, claims 1, 2, 7-14 and 16-21 are in condition for allowance, and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The below-signed attorney for Applicants welcomes any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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